III.—MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF RULE 17 OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

* THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"Sir, I move—

'*that rule 17 of the Council Rules be suspended and that the Council do proceed to transact Government business on Wednesday, the 9th August 1939.*'

"Sir, the reason for making this motion is that a lot of official business has been held up. Although we have promised a non-official day, we find that the resolutions that have been tabled are neither very urgent nor important; of course from the point of view of those who have given notice of those resolutions, they are very important. But, since official business has got to be given precedence over non-official business, it has not been possible, with the best will in the world, to have to-morrow as a non-official day. The Leader of the Opposition whom I have consulted has also agreed to this, but he wanted an assurance to the effect that on the next non-official day we give them a few more hours to continue the debate. It is perhaps too early and too prophetic to give an assurance of that sort now, but I shall give him this offer: if there is no other business and if the Legislative Assembly does not demand the attendance of the Ministers on the same day in the afternoon, I shall give him the assurance that I shall sit in the afternoon till 5 or 6 o'clock or as long as the non-official business requires the House to sit. With this limitation, Sir, I propose this motion for the acceptance of the House."

DR. SIR K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Mr. President, of course we all recognize that official business should have precedence over non-official business, but I do not see the necessity for it. For one thing, I do not know why it is not possible for the Government to give us a non-official day; in fact we have been sitting from 11 to 2 ordinarily. I expect that official business would be finished soon; it may be finished in one hour as there is not much work to do. There is, Sir, a personal element in the matter. I have given notice of a resolution which will come up to-morrow but for the motion just now made. That resolution has some urgency about it. I also gather that correspondence has been going on between this Government and the Government of India on the question of certain control over the excessive imports that are coming into our Province and into India particularly from Burma, Indo-China and Siam. Now, if this correspondence goes on without this House having an opportunity to express its opinion, it may not have some other opportunity to do so. That is the request that I make in that resolution. The resolution is to the effect that this Government do approach the Government of India to give the Government of this Province as well as the Legislature of this Province an opportunity to express

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their views on the matter. I would therefore appeal to the Leader of the House to see whether it is not possible to give us some time. If I ask for the day-after-to-morrow, the Hon. the Finance Member will complain that it would mean Rs. 2–8–0 per member per day. I am not concerned with that now. What I want is, let it be taken up to-morrow after the official business is over. I also gather that the other House will not sit; if so, there ought not to be any difficulty at all in acceding to my request."

* THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I have no objection to taking up non-official business after the official business is over to-morrow."

MR. PRESIDENT:—"To-morrow non-official business will be taken up after the official business is over."

The motion was put and carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

IV.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

[a] *Statement showing the resolutions passed by the House Committee during the Third Session of the Madras Legislative Council and the action taken thereon.*

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[a] Laid on the table on 7th August 1939.

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